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| <b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><br>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,<br>provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application<br>filed on or after June 8, 1995.<br>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA). | Application Number     | 09/614,365        |
|  | Filing Date            | July 12, 2000     |
|  | First Named Inventor   | Arthur Zavalovsky |
|  | Group Art Unit         | 2154              |
|  | Examiner Name          | El Hady, Nabil M. |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
  - ☐ Previously submitted
    - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☒ Other Transmittal Form with Fee Calculation
- Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of fee, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1302
    - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1366.00 enclosed
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